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MUST FACE TRIAL BY POLICE BOARD

Head of Woman's Bureau Charged With Conduct Prejudicial to Department.

CASE RESULT OF DELAY IN RELEASING TWO GIRLS

Declared to Have Questioned Right of Superior Officer-Willing to Have Affair Aired. Charges of conduct prejudicial to

the good order, reputation and discipline of the police department were filed today against Lieut. Mina C. Van Winkle, head of the woman's bureau, as a result of the delay in clessing two runaway girls from the house of detention last Thurs-

The case will be aired before the police trial board at the Police Court building at 10 o'clock Thursday The trial board will be composed of Assistant Corporation Counsel Wahly, Capt. C. P. M. Lord and Capt L. J. Stoll.

Willing to Stand Trial.

"I am perfectly willing to go on trial," said Mrs. Van Winkle, as she started for the courthouse to testify in a case cleared up by her bureau. "I believe this will serve to clear the atmosphere better than anything

The lightenant said she would be represented by counsel at the hearing. The charges were made out by

"Specification 1-That she, the said Mina C. Van Winkle, on or about the and Gov. William C. Sproul of Penn-23d day of March, 1922, at or about the hour of 7 o'clock a.m., did question the right of her superior officer, to wit, Asst. Supt. Charles A. Evans, to issue an order for the release from the house of detention of two females, minors, held in said house of deten-tion on no charge, but as fugitives

The controversy which resulted in today's action occured Thursday morning, when the fathers arrived, before 7 o'clock, and Detective Sergt. before 7 o'clock, and Detective Sergt.

Cornwell, in charge of the detective bureau, endeavored to have the girls turned over to their fathers immediately by the house of detention.

When Cornwell failed to succeed inhaving the girls released, Asst. Supt. Evans, who supervises the house of detention, was drawn into the controversy and had a telephone conversation with Mrs. Van Winkle regarding the holding of the children.

#### LUXURIOUS LAUNCH GOES ON MAYFLOWER

FOR PRESIDENT'S USE In the future when President and Mrs. Harding go cruising on the presidential yacht Mayflower and have cause to go ashore at any time they will do so in style and luxury. A modern and handsomely fitted gas launch has just arrived at the navy yard, which will shortly be placed aboard the presidential yacht for the sole use of the executive and his guests. The interior furnishings, fittings

and construction of this launch are and construction of this launch are especially rich and attractive and have been designed to afford comfort and elegance. The little craft is understood to have cost approximately \$50,000. It will be placed aboard the Mayflower just as soon as space on the deck is made for it. President Harding today granted permission to Commander Holmes of that vessel to leave Washington next Monday on a ten days' or two weeks' "shake-down" cruise. The commander is anxious to give the machinery of the yacht a thorough try-out before the President and Mrs. Harding take a trip this spring.

# **CIVIL WAR LEADER**

Turns Spadeful of Earth at Ceremony to Open Work on Meade Memorial.

Turning of the first spadeful of earth by President Harding this afternoon marks the beginning of a handsome monument to Gen. George Gordon Meade, who commanded the victorious federal army at the Battle of Gettysburg, the memorial to be erected in the northwest section of the grounds of the United States Botanic Gardens.

Impressive ceremonies attend the turning of the earth for the construc-The charges were made out by turning of the earth for the construction work, and the participation of the Charles A. A. Evans, whose order, it is alleged, she failed to obey. The clarges read in full as follows:

"I hereby charge Mina C. Van Winkle, a lleutenant in the metropolitan police force of the District of Columbia as follows:

"Charge—Conduct prejudicial to the good order, reputation and discipline of the metropolitan police force in violation of paragraph 17 of section 11 of the manual governing said force.

"Use Historic Spade. the President of the United States in

Use Historic Spade.

Near the President stood Mrs Harding, Secretary of War Weeks sylvania, the last two turning a spadeful of earth following the President. The spade used on this occasame one used at the beginning of the Lincoln and Grant memorials. Senator Frank B. Brandegee of tion on no charge, but as fugitives from their parents.

"Specification 2—That the lieutenant aforesaid, on the date and at the hour zforesaid, did issue orders to her subordinate, to wit, Edna L. Johnston, directing her to held life said minor females in the house of detention until further instructions from her, the said lieutenant, then and there knowing that the release of the said minor females had theretofore been ordered by the said lieutenant's superior officer, to wit, Asst. Supt. Charles A. Evans."

Girls Held for Parents.

Gwendolyn Peil, sixteen years old, and Jane Evans, fourteen, both of Brooklyn, N. Y., were taken into custody by dtectives at Union station Wednesday night at the request of their parents, who had wired police headquarters to detain the children until their fathers could come for them. pose of carrying out the provisions of Congress.

Place in History of War.

"This is not the time to discuss in detail the distinguished services of Gen. Meade or to dwell on the most conspicuous accomplishment of his career when in command of the northern army at Gettysburg. His victory at Gettysburg proved to be bouse of detention, was drawn into the controversy and had a telephone conversation with Mrs. Van Winkle regarding the holding of the children.

The hearing before the trial board probably will hinge largely on the conversation which took place between Lieut. Van Winkle and Asst. Sant Evans.

An order issued by Maj. Sullivan and women cases, also will play and women cases, also will play and more and women cases, also will play and more and women cases, also will play and important part in the hearing.

BALFOUR TO BE EARL.

By the Associated Press.

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It asserts he has found life in the house of commons dull without of final dutles to perform and remarks that he would be a godsend to the house of peers, where his ability as a dialectician would be invaluable.

The turning point in the civil war. When our minds revert to that period and to the distinguished, men who is uncessfully commanded the northern arms occur farsh to the consessfully commanded the northern arms occur are not successfully commanded the northern arms occur the consultation of the conversation which took place because of the proposed and to the distinguished wolunteer, Gen. John A. Logan. Of the heroes of the consultation of the civil war, I think it is generally agreed that Micade stands at the head of those remaining who were conspicuously instrumental in bringing the value of having in the Regular Army it and the schoolyards of many of the value of having in the Regular Army it could be a godsend to the value of having in the Regular Army it is not out of place for me to use to considering the recreation of the value of having in the Regular Army it could be a godsend to the country and the country the turning point in the civil war. When our minds revert to that period

#### WOMEN SMOKING AGAIN. N. Y. BREATHES EASIER

NEW YORK, March 28. - Police Commissioner Enright today lifted the ban on smoking by women in public as suddenly as he clamped it down last night, when he learned that Alderman McGuinness' antismoking ordinance had never been passed by the board of aldermen or signed by Mayor Hylan.

Daniel W. F. McCoy, an employe in the city clerk's office, was led forth, caparisoned in sackcloth and aspen.

Adopted and approved.

City Clerk Cruise rallied to McCoy's defense, however, and intimated broadly that the clerk's office by no means had a corner on "ivory."

Had Police Commissioner Enright or his aidse read the purported ordinance carefully, he declared, they would have discovered it was not a proper document, as it did not bear the stamp of the clerk's office certifying that it had been approved by the mayor.

News Like Respieve.

caparisoned in sackcloth and ashes, | as official "guat" for an error that had set pro and even anti smoking women on the warpath from the lows to proprietors of scores of battery to the far reaches of Harlem. places were gratification of milady's

happened to include the anti-smok-

ing bill in his list of ordinances adopted and approved.

News that it was all a mistake came like a reprieve from the gal-

McCoy, it was explained, was charged with clipping the official city record for resolutions and ordinances that have been adopted and approved by the mayor and sending them along to the proper officials for enforcement.

places were gratification of milady's passion for the soothing weed was the chief source of bread and butter revenues. Fashionable smoke shops for women had sprung up in 5th avenue, Broadway and other ad-McCoy still was too much overcome by the wrath that had descended upon his head to explain just how he continued on Page 1 Column 5.2

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### DISTANCE BARRIER TO CHILDREN'S USE OF PLAYGROUNDS

Large Sites in Most Instances Are Miles Removed From Homes.

SEPARATE SPACE URGED FOR YOUNGER KIDDIES

Accommodations for Mothers and Tots Should Be Conveniently Located in Every Neighborhood.

Little boys and girls up to the age seven years in this city are denied the facilities for adequate and safe playground space because of the dis tance to large playgrounds, and, herefore, must confine their activiies to streets, dangerous from the neavy vehicular traffic, according to those who have studied the local sit uation. There should be, they say small playgrounds for these little children, at the very least, within a quarter of a mile of their homes. Mrs. Susie Root Rhodes, director of the municipal playgrounds, is in strong accord with this recommendation for the little children. It was pointed out that these little ones cannot travel far from their homes In all districts where yards are not available for play at every doorstep there should be many small open spaces, with benches for mothers and simple equipment, as sandboxes and shallow wading pools. The city should be dotted with these play

should be dotted with these play spaces.
Experience has shown that the play space for little children should be distinct from that for older children. Therefore, it was pointed out, when the playgrounds for school children are not large enough to provide a corner for the exclusive use of little children additional space or separate land should be provided.

Guard Against Petty Thefts. Those who have studied the chil dren and the playgrounds point out that the little street larcenies, thefts other things that children do without intent to do wrong are in many cases grounds. Further study of such cases

grounds. Further study of such cases as have come before the Juvenile Court point to the fact that in such cases when the offender was taken to a playground and kept busy there are refrained from all mischief.

Studies along these lines made by the children's bureau brought out the statement that the restriction of the capital of the statement that the restriction of the capital of the statement that the restriction of the capital of the statement that the restriction of the capital of the statement that the restriction of the capital of the statement that the restriction of the capital of the statement that the restriction of the capital of the statement that the restriction of the capital of the statement that the restriction of the capital of the statement that the restriction of the capital of the capital of the statement that the restriction of the capital of the

perience.

Study of the local recreation spaces for children shows that little attention has been paid in the past to providing large play spaces surrounding the school buildings. Even facilities

"All the high school yards are not available, and with the exception of a few instances the elementary school yards are small, and the distribution of land about the school buildings is bad for playground purposes. Fifteen thousand square feet, which surrounded a school building on three sides, with a width of no greater than fifty or one hundred feet from the walls of the building are valueless for freedom of action. Children cannot exercise properly under conditions of restraint.

The general Problem.

Mr. Coolidge decried the claim that America placed material matters above spiritual, and speaking of labor said that the great problem facting the workingman was not "money in his envelope, but the amount of appreciation bestowed upon him for doing his part in shaping the world."

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Remedy in New Construction. "It must be said, in justice to the school department, however, that the plans for schoolhouse construction now under way will remedy many Today's News in Brief. of the difficulties here brought out in of the difficulties here brought out in regard to the schoolyards, as the District per digm worers have wages cut. aims of the board of education are aims of the board of education are far-reaching and include the recognition of the need for enlarged yard space. It is impossible, however, to jury.

Housing expert suggests Ball rent law extension be held up. Page 3

nition of the need for enlarged yard space. It is impossible, however, to predict how far the hopes for development will be realised; hence, the opportunities offered by the schools must be considered at they now are."

Even with these handicaps the investigators expressed the belief that these inadequate facilities could be most efficiently used and put to greater advantage than new prevails for the younger children whom they do attract if they were open and under supervision during the entire year. Supervision, it was, pointed out, is most important to the development of playground work, but there is no supervision of school playgrounds except for the six weeks in summer during which the vacation schools are running, and the supervision provided in certain instances by the department of playgrounds.

ORDERED TO WASHINGTON. Warrant Officer William A. Genoar, at Camp Knox, Ry, has been ordered to this city for duty with the historical section of the Army War College, Washington berteday



# COOLIDGE PRAISES NATION'S CAPITAL

Vice President, in Welcoming Rotarians, Also Sees Business Boom Ahead.

In extending a welcome to the delegates sitting at the conference of the fifth district of Rotary, to whom he referred as "representatives of the highest type of civilization in the world," Vice President Calvin Coolidge paid a glowing tribute to the city of Washington at Memorial Continental Hall today. "It is a privilege for any organiza

tion to meet in Washington," said home town, no city in the country holds so much inspiration for Amer-icans as does the capital of the nation. At different times every kind of talent represented in our great republic is displayed here in Wash-

Mr. Coolidge was optimistic regard-

ing conditions in general, and declared that progress, both governmental and economic, was going ontion as now, and never was the re-ward for individual effort and indus-

tion has been paid in the past to providing large play spaces surrounding the school buildings. Even facilities around most of the local high schools have been found to be insufficient for the activities of the students of these institutions.

Considered Makeshifts.

"To sum up his question of schoolyaids, while it would appear that the yards should open great possibilities in the way of opportunities for play,", says the report of the result of the Children's Bureau Study, "as a matter of fact, as they now are, they can be considered only as makeshifts in an ultimate plan which is to serve a growing, progressive community."

"All the high school yards are not available, and with the exception of labels."

Labor's Great Problem.

Mr. Coolidge congratulated the Rotarians on the splendid work they were doing throughout the world, and for his entertainment the audience, under the leadership of Robert Lawrence, community singing organizer, sang several familiar "nonsense"

numbers.
Edward L. Stock, governor of the fifth district of Rotary, called the conference to order, and after invocation by Rev. Dick Lancaster of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., several reports were read by the chairmen of the different committees.

mittees.

Balloting for nominee for governor will be held later this afternoon, and on announcement of the successful candidate the conference will adjourn. Attend Lenten Services.

All visiting Rotarians attended the (Continued on Page 2, Column 4.)

Tex Rickard at foot-ball game, but didn't know number of players. Judge Hardison says citizens can reduce lawlessness. Page 17 Anti-Saloon League admits political

#### BOTANIC GARDENS TO EXTEND FROM CAPITOL TO POTOMAC

Plans for Greatest Beautifying Project in Capital in Century Enthusiastically Received in Congress.

After many years of neglect the ward with all hands working toentire section of the National Capital lying south of the Capitol buildland ward with all hands working together. Among those who have participated in the conferences that
have resulted in the adoption of this tal lying south of the Capitol building, stretching to the shore of the historic Potomac river, and lying between the Army War College and the Washington Navy Yard, is going to be beautified and developed according to plans recently laid before ing, stretching to the shore of the cording to plans recently laid before

to be beautified and developed according to plans recently laid before the House committee on Public buildings and grounds by Elliott Woods, architect of the Capitol.

Comprehended in this development, in fact the back-bone of it, is the enlargement and extension of the National Botanic Garden, at its present location at the foot of Capitol Hill, where it is of easy access to all visitors to the Capitol. The Botanic Garden; and Lieut. Col. Clarence O. Sherrill, of Capitol Hill for more than ninety degrees of the compass, from west to south, and then stretch southward to the river, being worked in with the grees of the compass, from west to south, and then stretch southward to

spirit of co-operation between the District street department. These parties at interest, and this new de-plots run from Maryland avenue

south, and then stretch southward to the river, being worked in with the parkway system that is to entirely surround the city.

This entire section of the city has long been an eyesore, being used and the sweep of acres upon acres principally as a dumping ground and for the storage of materials and junk for the street department of washingtone Washington.

The long-drawn-out controversy as to the future location of the Botanic Garden has been settled in amicable District street department. These

# SENATE TAKES UP ARMS CUT TREATY

Lodge Lays It Before Body Sir Eric Regards Partial Par-With Speech Asking Ratification.

The naval limitation treaty, establishing a continuing ratio of sea power in capital ships among the five great powers, was brought formally before the Senate today by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the republican leader, in a speech praising the pact as an epochal achievement in the interest of peace. "The spectacular thing in this

treaty," said Mr. Lodge, "is the scrapping of ships; but the most important single thing that is does is to put an end absolutely to naval competition." Reviewed in Detail.

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The history of the treaty was reviewed in detail by the republican leader, who read from the Borah resolution authorizing the calling of an armament conference, explained the preliminary diplomatic steps, and quoted finally the report of the American delegation explaining the provisions of the pact. The delegation, he said, had the best of technical naval advice throughout its deliberations.

tions.

Regarding land armament, Senator
Lodge said, the United States had no
further reductions in her own Army
to propose while the attitude of (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

PRESIDENT WILL SHUN **ACTIVITY IN CAMPAIGN** 

Has No Intention of Appealing to Public for Support of Party Candidates.

Bryan stumping for U. S. Senate seat.

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Mine operators and union men attack wage scale.

President Harding has no intention of campaigning in the interest of the republican candidates who are seeking re-election or election to Congress next fall. This fact was made known today by intimates of the executive who are in a position to speak for his convictions in the matter.

Increase of \$15,180,401 in lump sum in river and harbors improvements woted by House.

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Citizens before Senate committee protest location of tubercular school at 1sth and Upshur streets.

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Director Scobey leaves for inspection of Philadelphia mint and New York assay office.

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Representative Towner predicts Department of Education in address to public in an appeal for a republican congress in the lindian of the

# LEAGUE UNLIKELY TO AID AT GENOA

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ticipation Proposed as Beneath Dignity.

By the Associated Press PARIS, March 28.—The chances of the league of nations participating in the Genoa conference were reduced to a minimum today by the action of the council of the league in simply referring to the general secretary Italy's invitation to send to Genoa technical experts from the league organization for consultative purposes. It is known that Sir Eric Drummond, the league's general secretary, regards such partial and vague participation as is proposed in the invitation beneath the dignity of the league, and it appears probable he will find it inadvisable to take the league's technical men away from the work they are already engaged upon. DELEGATES ARE PICKED:

Barthou Heads French-British Name Dominion Envoys. By the Associated Press.
PARIS, March 28.—Louis Barthou

vice premier and minister of justice, was designated today by the cabinet to head the French delegation to the Genda conference. The delegation will be composed of M. Colrat, undersecretary, to the premier, and three others, who will be named by the tablinet tomorrow evening.
Reversing the procedure of M.
Briand in going to the Washington conference for its earlier deliberations. Premier Poincare will go to the Genoa economic conference for the final period, after President Millerand returns from his African tour. This is the understanding in Paris.

#### Baby Falls Into Pond, Swims Across as Her Mother Rushes to Aid

By the Associated Press.
SACRAMENTO, Calif., March 28.-Two-year-old Velma Anderson's parents today considered training her for some future Olympiad. Yesterday the baby fell into a pond three feet deep near her home here. She came to the surface and swam. She had swum nearly half way across the pond when her mother waded in and rescued

her.

The mother, a brother and sister, who witnessed the spectacle, reported that little Veima kicked her feet and swung her arms in a natural unison, propelling herself sturdily.

## HARDING ASSURED OF TARIFF ACTION

Leaders in Senate Promise President Early Consideration of Pending Bill.

BY N. O. MESSENGER.

President Harding has been assured that prompt action on a tariff bill may be depended upon. The bill now beis likely to be reported within a week elections as possible, so that it may e analyzed and appraised.

No program for the soldiers' bonus bill is likely to be decided upon just now, it is thought, or until the tariff ! bill gets in full swing in the Senate. The disposition of leaders is declared to be not to rush the bonus bill through the committee hastily, but to look into its provisions with care and to sound public sentiment on it. The four-power treaty is now clear

of the ratification stage of progress and the next step will be the exchange of ratifications and the final effectiveness of the treaty as the law of the land of the nations party to it. The naval limitation treaty is expected to come out of the Senate with the seal of approval in short order and the others in due course.

Economy Drive to Continue. The big economy drive of the administration and the Congress will proceed, looking forward to the mak- tion. ing of a record for the republicans which is expected to be of service in the fall campaign to the party in power. There will have to be considerable adjustment between the House and the Senate and between the Congress and executive and the bureau of the sudget, as affairs are in a pretty bad tangle now, but the problems will yield to compromise in the conference stage of the appropriation bills, it is neld.

taking that word as descriptive of the executive branch, and in Congress it is expected that the constructive leg-islation now "going through the works" will dissipate the murnurings against Congress said to be heard

througout the country.

Deal of Harmonizing Needed.

It is quite evident that there will have to be a deal of harmonizing on appropriations. The House is showing signs of taking the subject in its own hands and disregarding leadership of all sorts. In the case of the rivers ano harbors bill, now pending, the suggestion of the bureau of the budget and the exhortation of the

Leaders More Cheerful.

There is said to be a more cheerful frame of mind, politically, among the republicans in Congress, and in the party management outside, despite present embarrassments, which are accounted by them but temporary flurries. As the campaign, in its preliminary aspect looms nearer, the ne-cessity of good teamwork in legisla-tion and harmony between the two branches, executive and legislative, is characterized as becoming more im-perative, and, therefore, likely to become operative.

MAN AND WOMAN KILLED. WOODSTOCK, N. B., March 28.—
Harvey Trenholme and his housekeeper, Mrs. Olive Swim, were shot
to death in the Trenholme home at
Benton Ridge last night. The body
of Trenholme was found lying across
the rear doorstep of his home and
that of the housekeeper in a pantry
adjoining the kitchen. Barry Swim,
the woman's husband, is sought by
police.

understood, the Jones rider changing
the fiscal relation of the District and
the federal government.

At 1:45 o'clock the conferces adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon
While the details were withheld, it is
understood that agreements were
reached in regard to some of the
streets and sewer items and that Senagreed to in part. There was discussion also on some of the school items.

PRESIDENT TRYING TO REMOVE SNAGS IN REORGANIZATION

TWO CENTS.

Calls Conference for Heartto-Heart Talk on Difficulties Faced.

ARE EXPECTED IN PLAN Scheme Not Expected to Reach

IMPORTANT CHANGES

Congress Soon-Mr. Harding It is considered likely that the plan

for the reorganization of the government departments and bureaus prepared by Walter F. Brown, chairman, for the joint congressional reorganization committee and submitted to the President a number of weeks ago, will undergo some important changes in its provisions before it is formally by republican leaders in the Senate acted upon by the President and his cabinet.

This was intimated today at the White House in advance of a conference to be held late this afternoon The desire of leaders in both House between President Harding and Mr. and Senate is said to be, get the bill Brown, who has personally directed on the statute books early in the the greater part of the preparation summer, as far in advance of the fall of the plan for the regrouping and reorganizing.

It is understood that because of the contention being raised by several members of the cabinet, as a result of proposed drastic changes and shifts in their respective departments, this conference will be in the form of a heart-to-heart talk with the view to adjusting the committee's plans so as to bring about a more ready agreement among the affected cabinet officers.

Wants to Smooth Out Wrinkles

In other words, the President is known to be desirous of smoothing out the existing differences as quickly as possible and at the same time to lose none of the expected benefits as proposed in the committee's plans. In any event it is not considered likely that the reorganization program, whether altered or not, will at any time soon be ready to whip into definite shape preparatory to presenting it to Congress for consideration.

When asked regarding the future of the reorganization program President Harding is reported to have replied on several occasions recently plied on several expansions recently that extreme patience must be resorted to in the matter.

He is said to be of the opinion that there is no apparent necessity for undue haste, and that much close attention and consideration must be given to every detail before the program will be in a position to receive the White House O. K. preparatory to being returned to the reorganization committee to make ready for submission to Congress. The Presithat he is perfectly willing to pa-tiently and calmly sit on the side lines while the several members of his official family who at this time are agitated regarding what they term undesirable changes in their

Forestry Service Snag. The most troublesome feature of the reorganization plan thus far presented appears to be the proposed transfer of the forestry service from the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture to the Interior Department of Agriculture to the Interior Department budget and the exhortation of the House leaders were rejected yesterday and a three-to-one majority had its way in hoisting the appropriations for river and harbor improvements to the tune of \$15,000,000.

It is still fresh in memory how the House disregarded the advice of the executive and administrative branches in the framing of the bonus bill. The House also is inclined to take issue with these departments of the government on the subject of Army and Navy appropriations, especially with regard to the Navy. But it is to be borne in mind that the last word on these subjects has not been spoken nor will be until the conference committees bring in their reports on the perfected measures.

Agriculture to the Interior Department. Other causes for much of the contention are known to be the proposed transfer of the bureau of markets and the bureau of roads from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Commerce. Naturally these proposed shifts from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Agriculture to the Jones of the surface of transfer of the bureau of markets and the bureau of roads from the Department of Agriculture to the Interior Department. Other causes for much of the contention are known to be the proposed this affect and the bureau of roads from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Agricultu ing the conference this afternowhich, it is thought, will result the latter incorporating them in the plans submitted by his committee

> AT WORK ON D. C. BILL. Conferees Take Up Increases Made

the President.

by Senate. The conferees of the Senate and House on the District appropriation bill today got down to work on the items of increase made by the Senate. They passed over temporarily, it is understood, the Jones rider changing the fiscal relation of the District and

#### JOINT WAR TESTS TO SHOW VALUE OF COAST DEFENSES WITH AIRCRAFT

Extensive maneuvers to determine the military value of American coast defenses when operated in conjunction with modern aircraft are being planned for the coming summer by the War Department. Under orders from Secretary Weeks, the program is now teing prepared by the chief of coast artillery and Army air service officials.

Although both branches are recognized as having an important role in coast defense, they have never been tested jointly, nor has their personnel ever been trained in tests to co-ordinate in coastal defense work. It was expected that the tests would include three important phases of land and air warfare.

Anti-aircraft target practice against air targets to determine

the vertical range at which bomb-ing planes could co-operate with-out being subject to effective fire; out being subject to effective fire; bombing practices against coast defense installations to determine the effect of aircraft bombs on such targets, and combined target practice at extreme coast artillery ranges to determine the relative efficiency of bombing planes and large-caliber coast artillery guns in operation against an enemy fleet.

Experiments already conducted between aircraft and capital fighting ships are said to have given Army officials valuable information on the relative value of those arms.

Maj. Gen. Coe. chief of coast artillery, and Maj. Gen. Patrick, chief of the Army Air Service, have been instructed to decide where the tests will be conducted. It is regarded as possible that they will be held on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts.